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SUBJECT: EPA VISITORS TO JAPAN

1. TWO TEAMS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE JAPAN NEAR FUTURE:
(A) MANAGEMENT OF BOTTOM SEDIMENTS CONTAINING TOXIC POLLUTANTS--DR. SPENCER PETERSON, EPA, AND DR. BARNARD, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WILL ARRIVE JAPAN MARCH 5 TO OBSERVE DREDGING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AT YOKKAICHI PORT. IN ADDITION TO PETERSON AND BARNARD EPA HEADQUARTERS SENDING OBSERVERS MARTIN BROSSMAN, CHARLESS TERRELL AND JAMES KAHLER (ALL EPA) AND COL. NEWMAN HOWARD, FRANK WOOTTON, ROLAND CULPEPPER, JIM HALUSKE (ALL CORPS OF ENGINEERS) TO ASSESS FEASIBILITY OF DREDGING TECHNOLOGY TO MEET NEEDS OF KEPONE CLEAN-UP IN JAMES RIVER. TEAM WILL CONTACT SCICOUN UPON ARRIVAL.
(B) SECOND TEAM TO VISIT JAPAN--JAPANESE SMELTER TECHNOLOGY- JAPANESE SMELTERS EMPLOY ADVANCED SULFURIC ACID PLANT TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS SCRUBBERS TO CAPTURE SULFUR DIOXIDE. IT IS OF KEY IMPORTANCE TO THE CONDUCT OF ITS ENFORCEMENT
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ACTIVITIES FOR TECHNICAL EPA PERSONNEL TO MEET WITH JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVES, VISIT SELECTED SMELTERS, ANALYZE THE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY, DETERMINE THE COST OF THIS CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND ACQUIRE EVIDENCE THAT THE SO2 EMISSION REGULATIONS ARE CONTINUOUSLY ATTAINED. THIS INFORMATION IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE IN EPA'S NATIONAL PROGRAM (1)TO REGULATE NONFERROUS SMELTERS UNDER SECTION 119 OF THE

CLEAN AIR ACT; AND (2)IN EXTENDING AND UPDATING THE DATA
BASE UNDERLYING NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR
NONFERROUS SMELTERS. TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE: KEN LEPIC,
ED STRUZESKI, ROBERT GOSIK AND I.J. WEISENBERG (ALL EPA).
GROUP TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TOKYO MARCH 24.
WILL CONTACT SCICOUN UPON ARRIVAL. DR. JUMPEI ANDO HAS
BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF THIS VISIT. HE HAS
DETAILS AND WILL WORK WITH SCICOUN IN CONTACTING BOTH
APPROPRIATE PLANTS AND MINISTRIES. EPA REQUESTS ADVICE
AS TO APPROPRIATENESS OF SECOND TEAM VISIT. VANCE

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